

**Justification and Approval
For
Other Than Full and Open Competition**

1. Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 23, VA BHHCS, Facilities Management service. Justification for Other Than Full and Open Competition for Project 568-12-117, Site Prep for Robotic Pharmacy. Estimated Cost: \$60,000.00.

2. Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed: The proposed action would provide a turn-key installation of purchased robotic pharmacy tug system equipment from the vendor, Aethon.

3. Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs: The proposed supplies /services include installation of necessary equipment and systems (i.e. mounting cabinets, wireless nodes to support communications, providing all elevator interfaces, door interfaces, door operators) to have a complete and functional pharmacy tug system on the Fort Meade campus.

4. Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:

- (X) (1) Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements per FAR 6.302-1;
- () (2) Unusual and Compelling Urgency per FAR 6.302-2;
- () (3) Industrial Mobilization, Engineering, Developmental or Research Capability or Expert Services per FAR 6.302-3;
- () (4) International Agreement per FAR 6.302-4
- () (5) Authorized or Required by Statute FAR 6.302-5;
- () (6) National Security per FAR 6.302-6;
- () (7) Public Interest per FAR 6.302-7;

5. Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority): The designated vendor, Aethon, as the equipment supplier has the knowledge of its robotic control needs in terms equipment locations, connectivity and protocols, required interfaces with elevators, door openers, and other system installation needs. Using alternative vendors will require coordination with Aethon, project management and design by the VA for an unfamiliar system, and also would create warranty issues in terms of any installation and commissioning issues with multiple vendors.

6. Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:

The subject vendor is the only source of the pharmacy tug system equipment being installed however Aethon will be obtaining competitive quotes from SDVO's for any work supervised but not being self-performed.

7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable: The estimated cost is based on previous costs for similar work thus is deemed fair and reasonable.

8. Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:

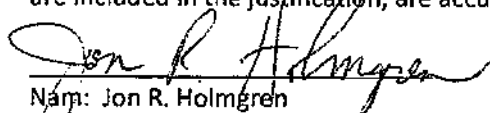
Market research was conducted in how other VA's were addressing tug installations and best practice was deemed to do a turn-key installation by the vender of the robotic pharmacy tug equipment to ensure a seamless installation and start-up.

9. Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:
None.

10. Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:
None.

11. A Statement of the Actions, if any, the Agency May Take to Remove or Overcome any Barriers to Competition before Making subsequent acquisitions for the supplies or services required:
None.

12. Requirements Certification: I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide Need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Name: Jon R. Holmgren

31-26-12
Date

Title: Engineering Program Manager
Facility: VA BHHCS Fort Meade

13. Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304:

a. Contracting Officer's Certification: (required) I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Name
CONTRACTING OFFICER
Facility

4/24/12
Date

b. VISN/PCA QA: I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. *This signature may be the VISN NCM/PCM if the Contracting Officer and Contracting Supervisor is the same individual.

BEN A. SEITZ

Date

VISN 23 QUALITY ASSURANCE COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST

c. NCM/PCM : I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

DARYL A. BERG

VISN 23 NETWORK CONTRACT MANAGER

Date

d. **SAO:** I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

PAMELA J. SANDERS
DIRECTOR
SAO CENTRAL REGION

DATE

e. **VHA HCA's Review and Approval:** I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and recommend approval (over \$50 million), approve (up to \$ 50 million) for other than full and open competition.

NORBERT DOYLE
ACTING CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER
HEAD OF CONTRACTING ACTIVITY (HCA)

DATE

f. **VHA Senior Procurement Executive Approval (over \$50 million):** I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and approve for other than full and open competition.

JAN R. FRYE
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
OFFICE OF ACQUISITION AND LOGISTICS
SENIOR PROCUREMENT EXECUTIVE (SPE)

Date